

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones and Jim McKee; (Jim Hewitt, Liz Kuhlman and Greg Munn absent). Ed Zimmer, Stacey Groshong Hagemen and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department. Kevin Abourezk from the Lincoln Journal Star.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Vice-Chair Tim Francis called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Francis then requested a motion approving the minutes for regular meeting held December 19, 2013. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by Jones and carried 4-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting 'yes'; Hewitt, Kuhlman and Munn absent.

APPLICATION BY NEBRASKA NEON SIGN COMPANY ON BEHALF OF FLATWATER BISTRO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 801 R STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING: January 16, 2014

Members present: Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee; Hewitt, Kuhlman and Munn absent.

Ryan Haffey from Nebraska Neon Sign appeared as applicant. This is a proposal for two signs for Flatwater Bistro. This is a new business in the Hilton Garden Hotel. They are proposing a sign that is a revised version of the sign at the HP Lau Candy Factory building. The first sign is nine feet wide by six feet tall, wall sign. It will be illuminated, single face and mounted on the canopy above the entry stairs. They are also proposing a projecting sign, eight feet, 8.5 inches tall by approximately two feet wide. It will also be illuminated and is proposed to be double faced aluminum cabinet, letters to be cut through the cabinet, illuminated (letters only) from interior LEDs.

Francis commented the proposed signs look very nice.

McKee inquired about the colors. Haffey replied the colors are blue with white and a silvery gray.

ACTION:

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Jones moved approval of a 9' x 6' single face, interior illuminated wall sign, to be mounted above the entry stairs, and a 8' 8.5" tall double faced, interior illuminated projecting sign with aluminum cabinet and faces, on both the letters routed through cabinet, and colors to be blue, white and silver, as presented. Motion seconded by Johnson

Larry Coffey stated they are waiting on approval of these signs from the Hilton Gardens. The local managers and property owners are okay with the proposed sign designs.

Motion for approval carried 4-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting 'yes'; Hewitt, Kuhlman and Munn absent.

Annual Report

Ed Zimmer took the Haymarket nomination to the Nebraska State Historical Society last Friday. His presentation was about 100 slides. Questions were raised and answered as to how this relates to the Haymarket Landmark District as designated in 1982. The board supported considering the Salvation Army building as contributing. Now we wait to see how the National Parks Service treats it. The NSHS supported the 1881-1944 period of significance. There was unanimous approval. Zimmer offered to strengthen citations on railroad history. He believes the National Parks Service has looked at nominations much more in depth lately. Zimmer is still working on the annual report. He will wrap it up and present it next month.

Staff Report

- Sprint Antennae on WaterPark Smokestack: Zimmer stated that in the past, there have been changes to the water tower with cellular antennae. Representatives of the carrier will make their pitch next month. McKee believes there is a question of what was approved for the building versus what was installed.

Zimmer noted that you will see another change this summer. The 4th floor windows have been boarded up with plywood, principally on the south. They propose to more permanently improve the covering with metal shingles over the plywood. He approved this as a "no material effect".

McKee questioned if the property ever did underground parking. Zimmer believes that was a very early proposal. It was never done.

- Kevin Abourezk from the *Lincoln Journal Star* is the new reporter covering City design boards. Jordan Pascale has moved on to a new job in Omaha.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.